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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND
NETWORK CONTROL PROCESSORS

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Examiner: Michael Won

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DECLARATION UNDER
37 CFR § 1.131

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We, the undersigned inventors, declare as follows:

1. We are the only inventors of the invention claimed in the above-captioned patent application.

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3. We conceived of the invention disclosed and claimed in the relevant claims of the instant application prior to May 20, 2000, and were diligent in reducing to practice the same before such date.

4. Enclosed as Exhibit A is an Invention Disclosure that was submitted for the claimed invention. This Invention Disclosure is provided to illustrate our diligence in reducing the invention claimed in the above-identified application to practice. As shown on page 2, question 4 of the Invention Disclosure, construction of the Invention was completed. Also, elements of the claimed invention are disclosed on pages 5-7 of the Invention Disclosure. For example, the data translation in the network control

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5. The invention was also tested and worked for its intended purpose before May 20, 2000. Support for this is also provided on page 2, question 5 of the Invention Disclosure, which states the test of the invention indicates the invention is working.

6. The dates on the pages of the enclosed Exhibit A have been redacted. All such redacted dates are prior to May 20, 2000.

7. In view of the foregoing, we respectfully submit that the evidence provided in Exhibit A unequivocally establishes that the claimed invention was conceived of and reduced to practice prior to May 20, 2000.

8. We further declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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